

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Leslie Mortimer, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Pearce moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Vagnozzi supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Palmer.

Representative Gosselin moved to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2006 meeting.

Representative Polidori supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Vice-Chair laid HB 5251 before the committee.

HB 5251 Moolenaar Education; curricula; model core academic curriculum content standards for science; require state board to revise.

Representative Moolenaar testified in support of HB 5251.

Dr. Ralph Seelke, representing himself, testified in support of HB 5251.*

Representative Gosselin assumed the Chair.

Spike Tyson, representing American Atheist Veterans, testified in opposition to HB 5251.

Professor William Wagner, representing himself, testified in support of HB 5251.*

Professor Frank Ravitz and Susan Herman, representing the Michigan Jewish Conference, testified in opposition to HB 5251.*

James Muffett, representing Citizens for Traditional Values, submitted a card in support of HB 5251, but did not wish to speak.*

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 5251, but did not wish to speak:

Betsy Kellman, representing the Anti-Defamation League,
Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan,
Fern Ettinger, representing the National Council of Jewish Women-Detroit Chapter,
Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards,
Louis Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan,
Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education.

With no further business to come before the committee, Representative Gosselin adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:56 p.m.

Representative Leslie Mortimer, Vice-Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
June 7, 2006
1 hour 26 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written material submitted.